

**DESIGN REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015  
ROOM 217  
TOWN HALL, WEST HARTFORD, CT**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 P.M.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**DRAC:** Jeffrey Gebrian, Chair (arrived 5:25 p.m. after 27 Park Road study session)  
Sheldon Crosby, Vice Chair, Members: Richard Hughes, Fred Fritz, Matthew McGrath  
and Kimberley Parsons-Whitaker

**Staff:** Catherine Dorau, Associate Planner

**STUDY SESSION:**

**27 Park Road** - *Study session preparatory to the submission of a Special Development District application for the redevelopment of the Sisters of Saint Joseph site located at 27 Park Road. (Initial DRAC Study Session on February 4, 2015. Second study session February 25, 2015. Third study session March 18, 2015. Fourth study session April 9, 2015)*

The Associate Planner, Ms. Dorau, briefly explained that this was the Committee's fourth study session, the previous sessions were in February and March. At those meetings, the DRAC asked the applicant to look at making landscape changes to the parking areas and to focus on reducing the mass and scale of the building, particularly along the Prospect Avenue frontage.

The applicant was represented by Henry Withers of CR3, Jeff Bianco and Sean Donadio of Northeast Collaborative Architects (NCA). Mr. Donadio and Mr. Bianco highlighted the changes to the northeast portion of the building on the northeast corner and the east elevation revisions. Mr. Withers discussed the revised location of the tennis courts and the walkways along the rear parking lot.

DRAC members again expressed concerns with the mass of the northeast section of the proposed building along Prospect Ave. There was discussion regarding altering the complexity at the roof level gables and more articulation on the windows on the northeast corner facing Park Road. NCA will submit to the Town Planner additional revised drawings to address the study session's comments.

*(Chairman Gebrian recused himself from this session and was not present for 27 Park Rd.)*

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** January 7, 2015, January 22, 2015, February 4, 2015, and February 25, 2015, March 18, 2015, and April 2, 2015. Vote: 6-0 to accept minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 5:30 P.M.